

Traffic has been slower this week due to heightened security measures at the gates. Measures include random vehicle and personal checks.

Message: Conway says Pearl Harbor has 'unique perspective' on terrorist's attacks

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We are doing everything possible to ensure the safety and security of you and your family.

I ask for your patience and your understanding that we cannot and will not ease security measures based on convenience. However, we continue to improve the process and continue to implement the appropriate measures based on the operational situation. Force protection is your business. Force protection is everybody's business. The threats of terrorism are very real. We can never be complacent.

Those of us stationed in Pearl Harbor have a unique perspective on

these 'acts of war' as described by the President. And indeed, more than a few senior government officials have made the comparison of the attack on our harbor nearly 60 years ago with this current attack on our nation. We have solemn reminders in this harbor of what can happen to a nation caught off guard.

The USS Arizona and USS Utah each serve as the final resting place for our fellow Sailors killed that fateful Sunday morning. But, equally as important is the fact that Pearl Harbor is also home to our nation's response to that attack.

The USS Bowfin and Battleship Missouri continue to "stand the watch" and exemplifies our nation's resolve. Make no mistake about it; just as our nation came together after the attack on Pearl Harbor, our nation is again galvanized now in the war against terrorism.

I know you join me, on behalf of all of the Navy Ohana in Hawaii, as we extend our deepest sympathies to the families and loved ones of our fellow Sailors and Americans killed or injured in these attacks. At an appropriate time, we will hold a memorial service at the Pearl Harbor Memorial Chapel to honor their lives and their service to our Navy and our Nation.

Thank you again for your patience and understanding during these trying times. God bless America and mahalo nui loa for what you represent.



A member of the security force searches bags inside a car as part of heightened security at the gates.



In addition to random car checks, individuals are being checked with metal detectors.



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Above: Members of the security force check a trunk as part of the random vehicle searches.

Right: Flags on base are being flown half-mast in recognition of the victims and their families of this week's tragedy.





Members of a special security force are working alongside the regular security as a result of the heightened security this week.